

Sirs:

With regard to the petition RM-10787 by the NCVEC, I am fully in accord with their position. As we are now into the 21st century and the Military forces and Maritime operations of most of the world no longer use Morse Code, it is difficult for me to see why testing element 1 is any longer a requirement for an Amateur Radio license.

It is difficult enough to recruit new amateurs, let alone require them to learn morse code. I see no relation whatever with with knowlege of morse code and the ability to be a good radio operator.

I stopped using morse code years ago and I have never missed it.

I feel, like the NCVEC, that the Commission should seriously consider immediately dropping Element 1, the Morse code test, and credit all existing Technician licensees with that element. I further would like to direct the Commissions attention to the incredibly large segments of the U.S. Amateur bands which are largely wasted on the diminishing number of Morse code operators. These frequencies would be better served by allowing SSB, and the newer digital modes on them. The Morse code people are few and highly vocal. The Amateur bands are very much like Public Parks, and it would seem that a few would try to keep the masses out of "their" Morse code frequencies. I urge the Commission to discontinue the requirement for Morse code for the propagation and betterment of Amateur Radio.

Respectfully submitted,

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